

CYNGOR TREF TREFDRAETH/NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 25/2/2008  
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT.

PRESENT: Cllr. Peter Harwood (Chairman) Cllrs. Byron James, Daron Paish, Sandra Bayes, Patricia Foot, Liz Bellamy, Robert Vaughan, John Rowe Lewis, Glyn T. Rees.

and County Cllr. Robin Evans.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Paul Harries and James Davies.

3265 MINUTES The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th January 2008 having been previously distributed and read were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr. Sandra Bayes and seconded by Cllr. Robert Vaughan subject to the inclusion of the word "invoice and £40.05" being inserted in the third paragraph of the Budget & Finance Committee report, and it being noted that Cllr. Sandra Bayes had undertook to study and report on the PCC Housing Strategy.

Cllr. Robin Evans was sorry to report that PCC have recently had to repair a vandalised window in the car park public convenience.

3266 MATTERS ARISING

3232 The Chairman told Councillors that there had been a meeting with a representative/s of the Rugby Club, but so far not with the Football Club, and the question of payment of gas and water expenses was still outstanding, as was the question of finance to replace the football goal posts in Parc y Plant.

3254. The Clerk has still to be provided with the name of the PCC official who removed the swings from the small childrens play area.

3253. The Chairman reported that the Task & Finish Group set up to draft a Welsh Language Scheme had met once. The Nolton & Roach Council Scheme was very useful, and the Clerk was asked to write and thank their Clerk.

Due to the Clerk misprinting the date of the OVW Planning Seminar, Cllr. Bayes could not attend, and the Clerk offered our place to a representative of St. Dogmaels Council with the expectation that they would provide a report. The Clerk will try and obtain this report.

The Chairman's suggestion that the Spring Bay Festival could utilise existing bunting cannot be realised because it has either been mislaid or perished.

3264. Cllr. Robin Evans confirmed that information concerning the YHA and Licenses is unfounded.

3262. The Chairman and Chairman of the Footpath & Cemetery Committee have met with the recently appointed Cemetery Caretaker but Mr. Lewis is unable to commence work because the gate keys have not been returned by the previous Caretaker. Meantime he has been given the Committee's exact work specification, and the Committee Chairman will study the P/L insurance particulars provided, and return these to Mr. Lewis in due course.

3267 MINUTES The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 7th February 2008 having been previously distributed and read were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr. Patricia Foot and seconded by Cllr. Sandra Bayes.

3268 REPORT Meeting between the Chairman, V/Chairman and Clerk on the 1st February 2008.

The Clerk explained that the WAG appointed Auditors examine the detail and procedure of a small percentage of their Clients each year. The Meeting report explains what is required by the Auditors, and it

### 3268 REPORT continued

will be seen from items 3 & 4 that we are not only complying with some of the requirements, but had provided evidence to support this.

It was agreed to discuss the duties of the Responsible Financial Officer at the March Meeting. Meantime it was proposed by Cllr. Liz Bellamy and seconded by Cllr. Bryon James that the Report be accepted "as work in progress".

Cllr. Patricia Foot thanked the Chairman, V/Chairman and Clerk for all their time spent on this item.

3269 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT In view of the increasing cost of maintaining Brynhyfryd Cemetery a review of all the charges will be undertaken at the next Budget & Finance Meeting.

A photograph of ex Councillor Glyn Rees receiving his present from Council Members was shown to all, and suggestions invited as to what to do with the balance of the money collected. It was agreed that Glyn should choose a charity. Cllr. Daron Paish kindly agreed that a copy of the photograph will be displayed in the Golden Lion Hotel.

### 3270 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parrog Yard Cllr. Byron James reported that we were waiting to hear from Vicky Hirst, N/P.

Footpath & Cemetery The long awaited improvements to the entrance to Parc y Plant from footpath 72/38 have been carried out, and the Clerk was requested to send letters of appreciation for their help to the local Footpath Group and Geraint Harries N/P.

To improve access to footpath 72/38 from Pen y Bont County Cllr. Robin Evans has suggested to P.C.C. that a small amount of land is taken from Parc y Plant, but a decision on this will not be taken until precise details are received.

Cllr. Liz Bellamy will try and have the old permissive path from Parc y Plant through the old school yard reopened. Both the YHA and Eco Centre agreed that they did not object to this path, but P.C.C. now state both do object!

Planning Committee The Chairman distributed copies of the report of the meeting held on the 7th February 2008, and it was unanimously accepted.

### 3271 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 to 7 were given to the Planning Committee.
8. Cllr. Byron James will attend the regional Funding Fair on the 6 Mar.
9. The Clerk was asked to yet again remind P.C.C. Licensing Dept. to answer our letters of the 13/11/07 & 21/1/08.
10. The WAG letter was taken by the Chairman.
12. The Clerk to ask PAVS if there is a joining fee for Charities.
14. This will be brought to the attention of Councillors at the A.G.M.
15. The January Transport Forum newsbriefing was given to Cllr. Bellamy.
17. Renewal of our membership of OVW will be advertised on the April Agenda, and the Chairman said that the OVW number of residences was correct and the figure quoted by the N/P incorrect.
18. Given to Cllr. Byron James.
19. Cllr. Sandra Bayes said the recycling facilities sites would probably be adopted locally.
21. Cllrs. Byron James & Peter Harwood will attend the Transport AGM.
23. The Clerk was requested to send a letter of appreciation to CANTREF for their assistance in ensuring that the new housing has been allocated to local people.

3271 CORRESPONDENCE continued

- 24. The letter from Mrs. Jean Buchanan was read to the meeting by the Chairman, and will be included with all the papers to the liaison partnership which will start to evolve. On the subject of the habitat damage caused by the fire Cllr. Byron James said he and others were present, and the Fire Service were told about the fire.
- 25. The letter from Mr. J.L. Davies Blaenpant was read to the meeting and the Clerk was requested to send a copy to Mr. John Price at P.C.C. Cllr. John Rowe Lewis who farms near Mr. Davies said there should be a 30 mph limit in Ffordd Bedd Morys

An undated letter had been received from the Newport Area Environment Group asking for a meeting between all interested parties before the long awaited meeting with Welsh Water about the new outfall pipe, and completion of the whole sewage improvement scheme. The Clerk was requested to write again to Welsh Water and ask whether they were now in a position to attend a Public Meeting with their plans, and a date when work will recommence.

SMP Playground Equipment Co. small brochure for adult outdoor fitness equipment. The Clerk suggested this may be suitable for Parc y Plant, and it was agreed to discuss the matter further at the March Meeting.

3272 WEBSITE

Helen Manley Jones is kindly continuing to work for the Newport Town Website because the newly appointed Webmaster's equipment is not compatible with the existing system. Mr. Hollyfield has also been assisting the Council and the Clerk was requested to send him a letter of appreciation for all his help. It was proposed by Cllr. Patricia Foot and seconded by Cllr. Daron Paish that professional hosting of the site should be put out to tender. The Clerk will obtain the addresses of suitable companies from Mr. Hollyfield. Cllr. Byron James asked that it be recorded that he did not agree with this proposal.

3273 FINANCE

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the Clerk's postage, stationary and telephone expenses totalling £69.13 inc. VAT and the Memorial Hall hire fee £10.

3274 LOCAL WORKS CAMPAIGN - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

Cllr. Sandra Bayes requested a copy of the latest letter from the Campaign and will obtain more information from the website mentioned in the letter.

3275 FINANCIAL APPEALS

It was unanimously agreed that a £50 donation should be made to Newport (Pembs) Surf Life Saving Club, Newport & District Breton Twinning Association, Samaritans Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire YFC, Shelter Cymru Swansea and Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eisteddfod in Conwy.

3275 CARNINGLI DRAFT DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

This document had been distributed to all Councillors prior to the Meeting and the Chairman recommended that a decision be taken this evening on whether to go ahead or leave matters as they are. Cllr. Sandra Bayes said she would like more time to consider everything. Subject to minor word changes all present eligible to vote agreed with the proposal made by Cllr. Daron Paish and seconded by Cllr. Glyn Rees that this Council should go forward as recommended in the document.

Cllrs. John Rowe Lewis and Robert Vaughan took no part in the proceedings as both have a pecuniary interest as Graziers on Carningli.

CLOSE OF MEETING - There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.